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DIRECTOR DAVIES NOT FAMILIAR WITH KRAFT'S WORK ENTITLED
"CADENZE". MEMBER DEPT'S MUSIC PANEL WHO ALSO MUSIC CRITIC,
AND HIS ASSISTANT ADVISE THAT KRAFT IS MEMBER LOS ANGELES
PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA (TIMPANI) WHO CONDUCTS CHILDREN'S
CONCERTS DURING ORCHESTRA'S SUMMER CONCERT SEASON. KRAFT
ALSO A GOOD COMPOSER WHO HAS PERFORMING MUSICIANS PRAC-
TICALITY WITH NEEDS OF AUDIENCE VERY MUCH IN MIND. CADENZE
IS QUOTE A VERY EFFECTIVE WORK, A GOOD SOLID, CONTEMPORARY
PIECE WITH MILDLY AVANT GARDE FLAVOR COMPARABLE TO GEORGE
CRUMB'S MUSIC. NOT HIGHLY CEREBRAL. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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